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## **RENTAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (RAP)**

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### **Purpose of Program**

The Rental Allowance Program (RAP), administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), is a short-term rental assistance program to help households in rental housing through a temporary crisis situation that has put their housing stability at risk. The program pays a rental subsidy for six months while the resident is becoming or resuming self-sufficiency. “Self-sufficient” means the ability to pay the rent without the rental subsidy.

### **Eligible Types of Housing**

Any type of *non-subsidized* rental housing is eligible to be part of RAP. All units must meet the RAP inspection standards and the landlord must agree to participate. After DHCD approval, DHCD pays the property owner directly each month on behalf of the RAP resident.

### **Eligible Applicants: Both conditions must apply**

- The applicant must be financially eligible, according to family size and gross annual income. The household’s income may not exceed 30% of the Washington Area Median Income Limits of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and published by Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Rental Allowance Program (*see table*).
- The applicant must be in rental housing, have a short-term crisis, and must have a plan to increase income to self-sufficiency level over the six months the program is in effect.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income Limits (4/2014)	\$22,600	\$25,800	\$29,050	\$32,250	\$34,850	\$37,450	\$40,000	\$42,600

### **How to Apply:**

**Contact the Department of Housing and Community Development – 301-600-6061.**

- Because this program is funded through a small State grant, there is limited availability and a waiting list.
- If there is availability, and an applicant seems eligible, they will be asked to provide identification, income, and crisis verifications. Once eligibility has been determined, the tenant & landlord must sign contracts and the unit must pass an inspection before the subsidy is started.